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12101 Airway Way, Unit A
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Dear Mr. Rampe:

RE: Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB)
Groundwater Monitoring

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the response from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Rocky Flats Project Office, dated September 7, 2005, concerning a previous EPA request for monitoring groundwater to detect PCBs downgradient of former facilities, Building 111 and Building 771. In a 2001 letter from Kerrigan Clough (EPA) to Joe Legare (DOE), EPA expressed concern that PCB leaching from paint present in basements and on concrete rubble from demolition of the former facilities may pose a risk to groundwater quality.

Based on recent discussions with RFETS staff and documentation provided in DOE's September 7th correspondence, EPA concurs that the relative immobility of PCBs in groundwater does not warrant groundwater monitoring downgradient of the former locations of Buildings 111 and 771. Therefore, EPA withdraws its request for groundwater monitoring of PCBs related to the aforementioned facilities.

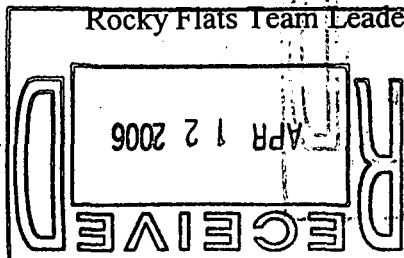
If you have any further questions, please contact Larry Kimmel at 303-312-6659.

Sincerely,

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Rocky Flats Team Leader

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